



## Senate

General Assembly

February Session, 2014

**File No. 122**

Senate Bill No. 430

*Senate, March 25, 2014*

The Committee on Public Safety and Security reported through SEN. HARTLEY, J. of the 15th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

### ***AN ACT CONCERNING EMERGENCY SERVICE PERSONNEL.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 14-283 of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
3 *October 1, 2014*):

4 (b) The operator of any emergency vehicle may (1) park or stand  
5 such vehicle, irrespective of the provisions of this chapter, (2) proceed  
6 past any red light or stop signal or stop sign, but only after slowing  
7 down or stopping to the extent necessary for the safe operation of such  
8 vehicle, (3) exceed the posted speed limits or other speed limits  
9 imposed by or pursuant to section 14-218a or 14-219 as long as such  
10 operator does not endanger life or property by so doing, and (4)  
11 disregard statutes, ordinances or regulations governing direction of  
12 movement or turning in specific directions. Nothing in this section  
13 shall be construed to relieve the operator of an emergency vehicle from  
14 the duty of complying with the provisions of section 14-279.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:
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Section 1	<i>October 1, 2014</i>	14-283(b)
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**PS**      *Joint Favorable*

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**OFA Fiscal Note**

**State Impact:** None

**Municipal Impact:** None

**Explanation**

The bill, which clarifies the statutes regarding the operation of emergency vehicles, has no fiscal impact.

**The Out Years**

**State Impact:** None

**Municipal Impact:** None

**OLR Bill Analysis****SB 430*****AN ACT CONCERNING EMERGENCY SERVICE PERSONNEL.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill reiterates that an emergency vehicle operator must comply with the law that requires all vehicles, including emergency vehicles, to stop for school buses displaying flashing red signal lights. The operator must stop at least 10 feet from the front when approaching and 10 feet from the rear when overtaking or following the bus on a highway or private road, in any parking area, or on school property, except at a traffic officer's direction.

By law, violators are subject to a \$450 fine for a first offense and, for a subsequent offense, a fine of up to \$1,000, imprisonment for up to 30 days, or both (CGS § 14-279(b)).

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2014

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Public Safety and Security Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea    24    Nay   0    (03/13/2014)